

FRIENDLY TIE

SPORTING BRAGA

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Friday 24th July 2015 Kick Off 7.30



ESTADIO DA NORA

ALBUFEIRA

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

2 EUROS

Bem-vindo a Albufeira,

Bem-vindo ao Estádio da Nora para o encontro amigável de hoje à noite entre Sporting Braga e Sheffield Weds. Pela segunda vez em poucos estações, a das corujas de arsenalista e conheça aqui em Albufeira embora em um local diferente.

Da última vez, SC Braga correu para fora 3-1 vencedores em um dispositivo elétrico animado pela estrada, no Estádio Municipal.

Hoje à noite, os lados jogar novamente, mas ambas as equipes se assemelhará muito pouco do jogo de 2013.

Tenho certeza que os jogadores e torcedores muito prefere o mais ensolarado climas do Algarve, mas se os rumores são tudo para ir por em seguida, ao lado verões passeio pode significar um vôo de 14 horas para Leste.

Welcome to Estadio Da Nora for tonight's friendly encounter between Sporting Braga and Sheffield Wednesday .

For the 2nd time in as many seasons , the Arsenalista's and the Owls meet here in Albufeira albeit at a different venue .

Last time , SC Braga ran out 3 - 1 winners in a lively fixture down the road at the Municipal Estadio.

Tonight,the sides play again though both teams will resemble very little of the 2013 game.

I'm sure the players and fans alike much prefer the sunnier climes of the Algarve but if rumours are anything to go by then next summers jaunt might mean a 14 hour flight Eastwards.

TONIGHTS LINE UPS

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

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| G | KRITSYUK MATHEUS | WESTWOOD PRICE |
| D | GOMES BOLY PINTO BAIANO DJAVAN GOIANO | SASSO HUNT LEES LOOVENS DIELNA PALMER VERMIJL LACHMAN |
| M | CARLOS SILVA DANILO TIBA SOUSA | SEMEDO MELO HUTCHINSON LOPEZ MATIAS HELAN LEE WALLACE |
| F | AGRA SANTOS PARDO MARTINS ALAN | BUS MAY NUHIU LAVERY |

Braga Squad 2015/6

Manager

PAULO FONSECA - AGED ONLY 42 BUT ALREADY MANAGING HIS 9TH CLUB, FIRST SEASON AT BRAGA FOLLOWING A GOOD SEASON AT PACOS DE FERREIRA, LASTED A SEASON AT HIGH FLYING PORTO IN 2013. AS A PLAYER, HE MADE 249 APPEARANCES OVER 14 YEARS PLAYING AS A CENTRE BACK.

Goalkeepers

STANISLAV KRITSYUK - RUSSIAN BORN, BEEN AT BRAGA 3 YEARS BUT ONLY MADE 10 STARTS SO FAR.

MATHEUS - BRAZILIAN WHO JOINED BRAGA IN 2014, 13 APPEARANCES TO DATE.

Defenders

TIAGO GOMES - LEFT BACK CAPPED AT FULL INTERNATIONAL LEVEL BY PORTUGAL IN 2014, FORMER BENFICA YOUTH PLAYER.

WILLY BOLY - FRENCH CENTRE BACK MADE OVER 100 STARTS FOR AUXERRE, JOINED BRAGA IN 2014, YET TO FEATURE FOR BRAGA.

ANDRE PINTO - 35 STARTS FOR BRAGA LAST SEASON, CAPPED BY PORTUGAL AT EVERY LEVEL FROM UNDER 16'S TO FULL INTERNATIONAL.

BAIANO - BRAZILIAN HAS SPENT LAST 5 YEARS AT BRAGA BUT STILL ONLY MANAGED 44 STARTS,

DIAVAN - COST 1 MILLION EUROS FROM BENFICA, BRAZILIAN FULL BACK MADE 17 STARTS LAST SEASON.

MARCELO GOIANO - SPENT CAREER IN THE LOWER LEAGUES BEFORE SIGNING A 4 YEAR DEAL WITH BRAGA LAST SUMMER, AGAIN BRAZILIAN.

Braga Squad 2015/6

Midfield

LUIZ CARLOS - DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER WHO HAS MADE 44 STARTS OVER LAST 2 SEASONS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL FROM PACOS, **RAFA SILVA** - 57 STARTS AND 5 GOALS IN 2 SEASONS AT BRAGA, MADE THE WORLD CUP SQUAD FOR 2014 AND HAS 3 FULL CAPS TO DATE.

DANILO - 20 STARTS LAST SEASON SINCE 2014 MOVE, RUMOURED TO HAVE COST 4.5 MILLION EUROS, STARTED AT VASCO DE GAMA.

TIBA - 32 STARTS AND 3 GOALS LAST SEASON SINCE HIS MOVE FROM VITORIA, SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN THE LOWER LEAGUES.

MAURO SOUSA - 58 APPEARANCES IN 3 YEARS AT BRAGA, THIS BRAZILIAN HAS YET TO SCORE A GOAL,

Attack

SALVADOR AGRA - 4 GOALS IN 34 STARTS IN 2013/14 AND LAST SEASON NETTED 4 IN 14 WHEN ON LOAN AT ACADEMICA, REPRESENTED PORTUGAL AT VARIOUS LEVELS.

PEDRO SANTOS - LEFT WINGER SCORED 5 GOALS IN 26 STARTS IN 2013/14 BEFORE BEING LOANED OUT LAST SEASON TO RIO.

ALAN - BEEN AT BRAGA SINCE 2008 MAKING 185 APPEARANCES AND SCORING 29 GOALS, CLUB CAPTAIN.

FELIPE PARDO - 67 STARTS AND 17 GOALS SINCE 2013, PACEY COLUMBIAN WINGER.

FABIO MARTINS - 21 YEAR OLD WINGER WHO HAS JUST BROKEN THRU TO THE SENIOR RANKS FOLLOWING A GOOD SEASON WITH THE B TEAM WHERE HE SCORED 10 TIMES IN 33 STARTS, CAPPED AT VARIOUS LEVELS BY PORTUGAL.

Manager Merry Go Round

Eyebrows were raised last month when Stu Gray departed S6 and the rumours were rife that Carlos was the man.

Carlos who... ? Manager of 14 different clubs in under 17 years and that included a 3 year break !! So , by that reckoning a year then off elsewhere . Although football purists will always argue that a manager needs time and teams need consistency in their coaching , the Portuguese philosophy is quite the opposite.

The big 3 in Portugal have had more managers in the last 15 years than most British clubs have had in the last 50 .

Benfica have had 15 managers since 1999 including Mourinho (lasted 11 games) Heynckes (48 games) Trapattoni (51 games) only Jorge Jesus went the real distance - 6 seasons in which they won 10 trophies and had a 70% win rate.

Porto have managed to relieve 14 different managers of their duties since 2001 yet despite this constant changing won the league title 9 times , 2 UEFA cups and the Champions League.

Sporting Lisbon top the pack as the manager change club tho with 21 different heads in the last 16 years !! .

Comparing the Premier Leagues top 3 in the same period , Man Utd have had the 3 (winning 16 trophies) , Arsenal still on 1 (winning 7 trophies)but Chelsea buck the trend on 11 (winning 15 trophies) .

The facts suggest that the manager merry go round doesn't always mean failure or a barren spell.

So Carlos who ??

Carlos Carvalhal the first foreign coach to lead Wednesday might just be the man to deliver Silverware back to S6.



Sheffield Wednesday New Recruits

Lewis Price – 30 year old stopper , Welsh international with 11 full caps. Started at Ipswich and has since appeared at 9 other clubs but still less than 120 total appearances, will be playing understudy role to Westwood following the departure of Chris Kirkland.

Jack Hunt – 24 year old attacking right back , Huddersfield youth player who went on to make over 100 appearances for the Terriers before a big money move to Crystal Palace in 2013. Sadly suffered a broken ankle before a ball was kicked for the Eagles and has since been loaned out to Barnsley, Nottm Forest and Rotherham. Made 32 starts last season and expected to be first choice for the Owls in 2015/16.

Darryl Lachman – 25 year old Dutchman , started as a youth at Ajax before moving onto Gronigen. In 2011 moved to PEC Zwolle where he made 91 starts scoring twice. Since been loaned out to Jong Twente before joining Wednesday on a 3 year deal. Capped by Curacao on 4 occasions.

Vincent Sasso – loaned to Wednesday by tonight's opponents Braga , 24 year old French international capped from U16 thru to U21s, started at Nantes before a move to Portugal to play for Beira-Mar. Arrived at Braga in 2013 and struggled to break into the team making only 17 appearances so far.

Alex Lopez - 27 year old Spanish midfielder , 163 top flight starts for Celta Vigo , recently signed a new 4 year deal at Celta before being loaned to Wednesday for the new season. Likes to shoot from range and has a 1 in 10 ratio of goals to games in La Liga.

Marco Matias - 26 year old winger , the fee believed to be in the region of 3 million euros for his services. Spent 7 years in the Sporting youth academy but failed to make the breakthrough, hit 17 goals for Nacional last season in 33 starts , 22 caps at various youth levels for Portugal.

Ross Wallace – Celtic youth product who made 37 starts in the first team before moving to Sunderland in 2006, spent last 5 years at Burnley making 149 starts and scoring 12 goals. Capped by Scotland in 2009 and joined Wednesday on a one year deal this summer.

A.N.OTHER – Proven 20 goal a season striker , possible Premiership loanee.

A.N.OTHER – Experienced midfielder who chips in with goals and assists , may have spent time on loan at club previously where he was a hit .

A.N.OTHER - Marquee signing which signals real intent on the road to the Premiership, Possible big name striker ??

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Braga in Numbers

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| 51 | number of managers used since 1935. (Wednesday have had 30 in the same time frame) |
| 1921 | year of formation. |
| 5 | number of times they have reached the Cup final. |
| 211 | All time European ranking 2013 (Wednesday were 112) |
| 30,286 | capacity of Estadio Municipal. |
| 18 | European campaigns (Wednesday have managed 3) |
| 47Mill | approx value of playing squad. |
| 9 | Brazilian players currently in squad. |
| 10Mill | record transfer fee paid out. |

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